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REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the first Office Action of June 18, 2004 which indicated dependent claims 7-12 define patentable subject matter and would be allowed if placed in independent form and rejected the remaining claims in view of the applied prior art.

Please amend this application as follows: